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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: DEANE, JOHN RUSSELL SI/DIS (9)

REF: (A) STATE 145398, (B) JIDDA 7041 (OCTOBER 1976 TO USDOC,
WASHINGTON).

1. REFTTEL B IS INTERIM WORLD TRADE DEVELOPMENT REPORT (WTDR) DONE
FOR USDOC IN OCTOBER 1976.

2. THE WTDR INDICATES THAT THE ALTAWEEL COMPANY OPERATES AS
COMMISSION AGENT FOR SEVERAL UNIDENTIFIED MANUFACTURERS AND CONSULTING

FIRMS. THE FIRM'S PRODUCT WAS INDICATED AS UNKNOWN IN THE WTDR.

3. ACCORDING TO THE WTDR, THE FIRM DID NOT RESPOND TO THE EMBASSY'S
INQUIRIES; THEREFORE, THE EMBASSY WAS UNABLE TO RECOMMEND THE FIRM
AS A BUSINESS CONTACT.

4. THE FIRM'S REPUTATION WAS INDICATED AS "GOOD"; HOWEVER THIS WAS
BASED ONLY ON A RECOMMENDATION BY THE FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK WHICH
DID NOT HAVE THE ALTAWEEL ESTABLISHMENT AS A CLIENT.

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5. HERESAY INFORMATION: COMMERCIAL OFFICER, JIDDA RELATED THAT
LOCAL SAUDI BUSINESSMEN HAVE INTIMATED THAT SHEIK YUSUF ALTAWIL
WAS IMPRISONED FOR APPROXIMATELY 12 YEARS IN SAUDI ARABIA FOR
"LEFTIST TENDENCIES". ACCORDING TO THE STORY, ALTAAWIL WAS
ASSOCIATED WITH A GROUP CALLED THE "FREE PRINCES" APPROXIMATELY
15 YEARS AGO. THE PRINCES RENOUNCED THEIR TITLES, SUPPORTED
NASSER; AND MADE ANTI-MONARCHIST (AGAINST THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI

ARABIA) STATEMENTS. REPORTEDLY, ALTAWIL WAS "REHABILITATED" AND RELEASED BY KING FAISAL IN 1974. ALTAWIL WAS NOT HIMSELF ONE OF THE PRINCES, BUT HIS ASSOCIATION WITH THEM AND SYMPATHY FOR THEIR CAUSE WAS REPORTEDLY THE BASIS FOR HIS IMPRISONMENT.

6. THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS NOT VERIFIABLE THROUGH LOCAL POLICE SOURCES.

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